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CONSTITUENTS IN ATMOSPHERIC GASES, UTILIZING A LASER

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**AMENDMENT** 

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Sir:

In response to the office action of February 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend claims 21, 38, and 45 as follows:

21. (Amended) An apparatus for monitoring selected trace constituents in exhaust gases,

the apparatus comprising:

- (a) a laser tuneable over a range of frequencies for generating a laser beam;
- (b) control means to control the frequency of the laser to scan rapidly across an absorption range encompassing an absorption line of a selected trace constituent of interest;
  - (c) transmission means to transmit the laser beam through the exhaust gas;
- (d) detection means for detecting the laser beam after transmission through the exhaust gas; and
- (e) processing means for providing the concentration of the selected trace constituent by comparing the detected laser beam to the transmitted laser beam.

